

PROPOSED MOTION

That an email survey be conducted with our members, and an online survey be provided for non members, asking whether purchases of .nz domain names should be restricted to individuals and organisations with a New Zealand presence.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

In a small InternetNZ survey conducted 5 years ago the majority of respondents agreed that .nz domains should be for New Zealanders. I propose we do this survey again on a larger scale, but also ask New Zealanders what they think.

The survey would include additional information such as:

PROS

1. .nz domains are like owning land, they're a limited resource. Reducing ownership to those with a New Zealand presence would increase the number of good domain names available to New Zealanders
2. It is already done this way by locations such as Australia, Canada, Germany and The European Union
3. It would improve internet security and stop many spammers and websites pretending to be based in New Zealand
4. It would improve the .nz namespace brand, value and trust

CONS

1. It would reduce the amount of income to InternetNZ
2. A more robust verification process would be needed
3. It would require funding
4. It imposes an extra burden on Registrars

The online survey would also include:

- A question asking "Are you a New Zealander?" with a definition stating, "A New Zealander is a person who is a citizen or resident of New Zealand or expatriate living abroad."
- The online survey could either be done on the InternetNZ website if it has such functionality, but if it doesn't; then the survey should be done through an online provider such as Survey Monkey or Google Forms.

The surveys should be transparent and the process and results available to the public. This would help build interest, trust and engage in discussion. This motion has no intention of changing present policy, but if the results are overwhelmingly in favor, then further scoping would need to be done before a motion would be voted on at our next AGM.

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